

5 ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

ROCKET LOADING AND UNLOADING TOOL

A tool conforms at one end to an annular nozzle end of a rocket and conforms peripherally to a tube of a launcher for 10 the rocket so that the tool may be inserted into the tube to urge the rocket precisely into a loaded position without slipping from the nozzle and damaging elements inside the nozzle. The tool is configured to receive a blast paddle of the launcher when the paddle is pivoted across the tube to 15 engage a detent and an igniter contact with the rocket in the loaded position. The tool is configured to urge the rocket from the loaded position for unloading from the tube and is constructed of static dissipative material.